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Colorado Springs, CO 80904
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Citizens Project
Box 2085
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

Dear Ms. Divine and Mr. Triggs,

We recently had an experience we think should be brought to your attention. We were victims of hate harassment and were threatened with being physically injured. Please review the enclosed report we wrote for the police.

We have a Celebrate Diversity sticker in our back window. We did not realize how vicious and hateful people can become by simply viewing it. As indicated in our report for the police we were at a stop light and a person violated the light to get around us. The harassment escalated to name calling, numerous references to homosexuality, and the driver made several attempts to smash his vehicle into ours. We were in fear for our physical safety.

We reported the incident to the police and they informed us the driver would be cited and brought into court. The vehicle is owned by John Scherer and is a 1975 Chevy Utility Truck, License Number LAG 275. We have not been notified as of yet if the owner was the actual driver. On the back of the vehicle was written, "anti-gay, pro-life, God hands out the pink slips" and other references to religion.

We believe it is important that people fully understand the hatred and the seriousness of some of these abnormal individuals. People should be warned to stay away from these extreme idiots because they are very dangerous. Please use this information as you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Wright

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James B. Thompson

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To: CSPD

From: James B. Thompson & Sharon L. Wright

Date: 2/6/93

Re: Incident with vehicle (Chevy Utility Vehicle - CO LAG 275, owner John Scherer)

On 2/6/93 at approximately 7:30 a.m. we were going West and stopped for the light at Fillmore and I 25. We were in the left turn lane to enter the highway. The above vehicle was behind us and stopped for a moment then went around us into the East bound lane, running the red light and entered I-25. We were behind him and we both turned off of the Bijou exit. We both turned West on Bijou. The vehicle went very slow and I honked the horn as we passed him because he ran the red light at Fillmore. He had his turn indicator on and was proceeding to turn North onto Spruce.

The vehicle was then behind us and we turned South and headed towards W. Colorado Ave. The vehicle sped up and pulled in close behind us then passed and cut us off at the stop light at Colorado. At the light we read the messages on his vehicle which included anti-gay, pro-life and references to God. We feared he took offense to our Celebrate Diversity sticker in the back window.

The driver turned West which was the direction we were headed. He went very slow so I went around him. As I went around he started shouting, pounding his fists and reached under his seat for something. He also tried to ram us with his vehicle. Next he sped up, pulled in front of us and slammed on his breaks. I went around him and he tailgated us for several block. I pulled into the left lane and he got beside us and again attempted to hit us with his vehicle. He was very angry and appeared crazed. He was shouting and we agreed with what he was saying for fear of what he might do next. He also had a dog in the vehicle which became very riled and appeared vicious. At the light near where he turned off he was stopped in the right lane, we stopped in the left lane about a car length behind him. He continued to lean out and yelled at us.

The individual was very angry and hostile. He ran a red light, drove recklessly, harassed us and threatened to assault us with both his fists and vehicle. We were in fear of being injured.